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SUBJECT : INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF TWA'S NICE/NEW YORK SERVICE:
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL OUTSIDE FRANCE
REF : A) PARIS 29161 B) PARIS 27814 C) STATE 260798

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER PETER K. MURPHY, AND WIFE HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TWA'S INAUGURAL NICE/ NEW YORK FLIGHT. FLIGHT DEPARTS NICE JANUARY 16, 1977 : RETURN PLANNED JANUARY 23. DURING NEW YORK STAY, HOTEL ROOMS ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY LOEWS HOTEL CORPORATION. LOEWS INTEREST IN INAUGURAL FLIGHT IS EVIDENT IN VIEW OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED BY TWA AND LOEWS HOTEL CORPORATION (LOEWS MONTE CARLO HOTEL). (FOR DETAILS SEE REFTEL B: PGH 7.)

2. NEW YORK/NICE INAUGURAL FLIGHT ARRIVED NICE SUNDAY DECEMBER 12. IN ADDITION TO TWA VICE-PRESIDENT AND TWO CONGRESSMEN AND WIVES, INVITEE-PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED VARIOUS LEADERS U.S. TOURIST-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

3. LOCAL PROMINENT FIGURES WHO HAVE ACCEPTED TWA INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE, WITH WIVES, IN JANUARY 16TH INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO NEW YORK INCLUDE : FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TOURISM AND MAYOR OF NICE, JACQUES MEDECIN : PREFECT OF ALPES MARITIMES, PIERRE LAMBERTIN : MINISTER OF STATE OF PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO, ANDRE SAINT-MLEUX. LEADERS OF FRENCH TOURIST INDUSTRY FROM ENTIRE COTE D'AZUR REGION ARE ALSO GUESTS OF

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TWA ON FLIGHT.

4. EMBASSY/PARIS PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO PRINCIPAL
OFFICER AND WIFE'S PARTICIPATION IN TWA INAUGURAL FLIGHT
ESPECIALLY
IN VIEW OF RESULTING BENEFITS ACCRUABLE TO AN AMERICAN CARRIER.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION BOTH TO ACCEPT INVITATION
AND TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF FRANCE FOR THE PERIOD INDICATED ARE
REQUESTED.

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